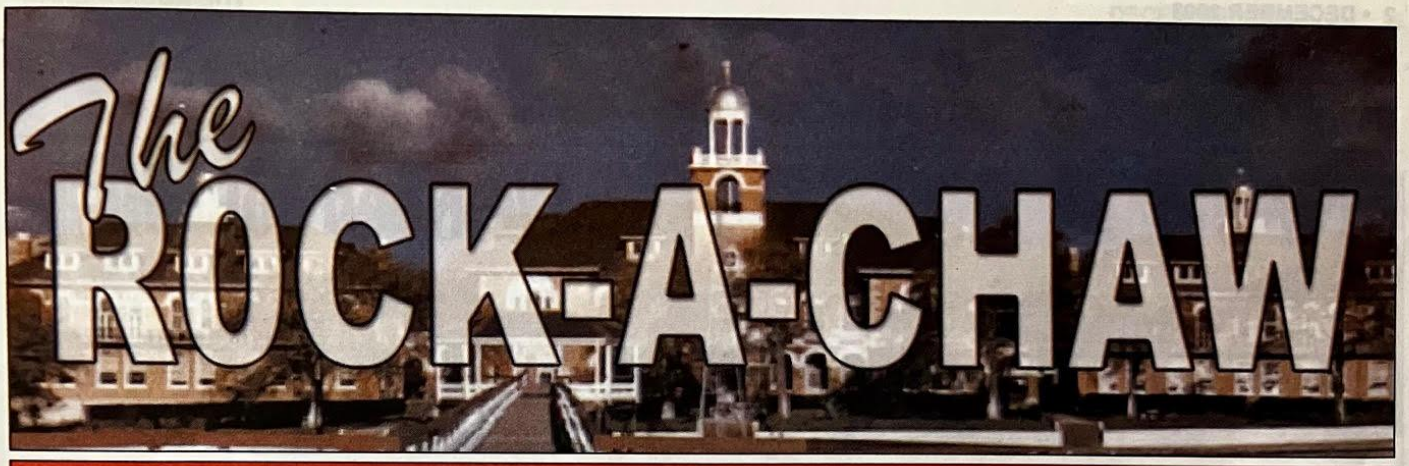

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St. Stanislaus survives for 150 years, still growing

Institution has changed, but quality remains

It is a rare event for a human institution to reach the golden age of 150. It is unique still for an institution to survive 15 decades of strife, disease, fires, and storms. Calamities of natural and human origins have hit St. Stanislaus College Prep for a century plus 50 years.

Through all of these hardships, disasters, and changes-the small community of brothers and laypersons who have educated students entrusted to their care. That care has been the defining quality of SSC for over 150 years. Following is an objective look at the school, curriculum, activities, and student life of St. Stanislaus in its early history.

A CHANGING INSTITUTION

Saint Stanislaus was founded in 1854. The original classes were housed in a classroom built behind Our Lady of the Gulf church. Eventually a wooden structure was built to serve as the school building. Christened St. Stanislaus Academy-College, it became part of a collection of wooden buildings that served the college up to 1903 when it and its companions were destroyed by fire.

Compared to the modern buildings, this structure was primitive and Spartan. It did not have running water until 1888, and electricity didn't appear until 1900. The school also owned a larger section of Bay St. Louis than it does now. Up until 1903 Stanislaus owned an entire block of Beach Boulevard.

THE CURRICULUM

The SSC students of 1854 through 1903 took many courses similar to those taken today. The usual lot of English, mathematics, history, and sciences were available and mandatory for most students.

However these were not the only courses available. From 1870 to 1924 Stanislaus offered college degrees in various commercial courses. These courses were rigorous by today's standards. Instead of taking written tests, these students were given oral examinations. They would stand in front of a large public audience and recite most of what they learned.

SSC seniors carry the flags of eight of the forty-four nations which have sent students to Saint Stanislaus during its 150 year history. Pictured are Beau Brodtman, Brock Kelly, David Bradley, Jeremy Burke, Stephen Bruno, Michael Enloe, Jared Kuehne, Andrew Pretzello, Stefan Clayton and Jake Johnson.

STANISLAUS' ATHLETICS

From almost the very beginning St. Stanislaus has had some form of non-academic activity. There was only one main school sponsored activity when Stanislaus came into existence, and that was the band. It wasn't until a decade or two later that other extra-curriculars came along. These activities included gymnastics, football, and baseball. Among these, baseball was extremely popular. At one point, almost every student was a member of one of the numerous baseball teams that had formed within Stanislaus.

However, competition was strictly within Stanislaus because there were no other schools to play.

Another activity popular on the campus with the advent of the Spanish-American war was the formation of a military company. Students drilled and trained with official United States equipment. Over 70 students joined this group and they would hold military parades through the streets of downtown Bay St. Louis.

LIFE OF THE STUDENTS

Grueling work and aggressive academic pursuit were a defining mark of Stanislaus College during the early years. Lacking modern necessities such as plumbing and electricity, the students had to help keep the school running in some of their free time. As a result they were no "softies."

John Moore, a boarder sent to Stanislaus in 1858, complained to his mother in a letter that the students at Stanislaus "curse, swear, and smoke."

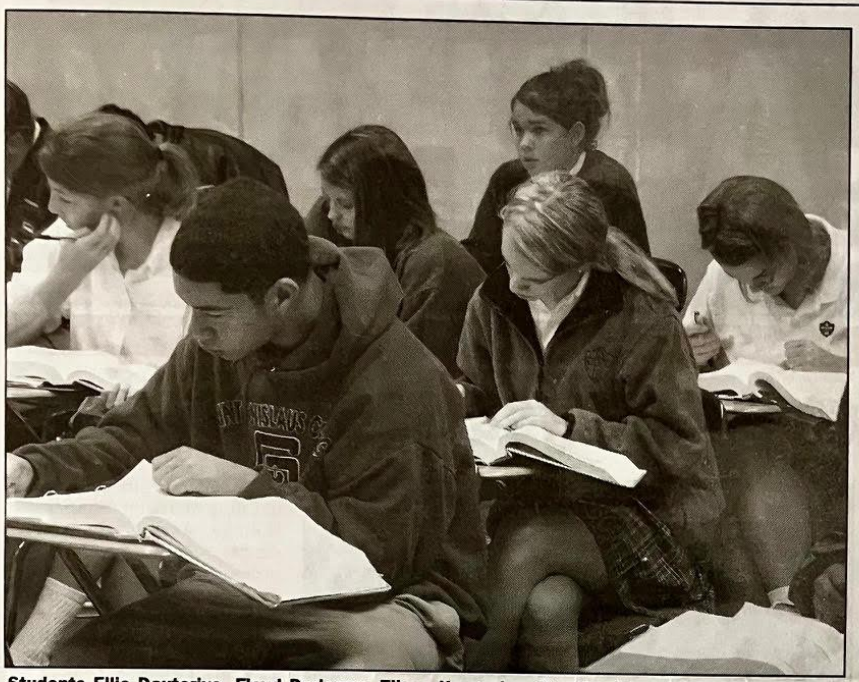
They were tough because they had to be tough.

The Civil War caused many hardships. Hurricanes routinely battered the school and destroyed property. However, these were miniscule compared to the toll on the school taken by the Yellow Fever epidemic. Killing many of the students and Brothers through out the 19th and even early 20th century, it was the greatest threat to anyone living at Stanislaus.

SSC has had a remarkable history. For over 150 years, this institution has been a place of learning and activity. Few years have been without some big event.

The life style, events, processes of learning, and the buildings themselves have changed and evolved over the years, but the fundamentals have remained the same. Change and consistency have marked this school, and only time will tell what the next 150 years may bring.

Editorials



Students Ellie Dauterive, Floyd Dedeaux, Elissa Kergosien, Kandice Boose, Nikki Harshbarger, and Christine Bratten take notes in Coach Genin's History AP Class.

New school policy allows for a more open mind

Starting this year, St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy are sharing a wide range of academic courses. The new policy allows for a widerselection of courses for both St. Stanislaus and OLA students. According to the administration, the "experiment," if successful, will allow students to experience a different point of view during their time at the two schools.

So far, the experiment seems to be working rather well. On both sides, most people involved have only positive things to say for the most part. There are, however, some who feel that, although it's a positive thing, there are some problems. "I feel that it's a good thing because we have a larger variety of classes," said OLA senior Tiffany Longo. "The student body acts differently in a coed environment, and that can sometimes have negative results."

Even some Stanislaus students are unsure.

"Although the sharing of classes seems not to have brought about any negative changes," said Andrew Waterman, a St. Stanislaus senior who is taking drama at OLA.

"I don't feel that the sharing of classes with OLA has resulted in any significant academic opportunities."

The teachers feel that it is, overall, working rather well. One result which some of the faculty is very happy about is the ability to have two extremely different viewpoints in the classroom environment.

Mr. C. Black, an English teacher at OLA, said "I feel it has been good, and gives a well rounded perspective on various issues."

The Rock-A-Chaw is the official student news publication of St. Stanislaus College. This is the 86th year that the Rock-A-Chaw has been published. It is printed "irregularly" during the school year. The 2003-2004 Rock-A-Chaw's staff includes:

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You can send your comments in the form of "Letters to the Editor" or you can write an article and submit it in its entirety. Whatever you submit must include your name. We will be more than happy to put the best articles in the school paper. The staff welcomes submissions of all forms, including essays, editorials, sports articles, features, and cartoons. Bring your work to any member of the newspaper staff or to Brother Adrian. Please keep your submissions relatively short.

It is said that apathy is the gravest of sins, so make sure that you don't sin! Make your thoughts known in the Rock-A-Chaw.

The Editors

The Coed Question

Those of you returning to St. Stanislaus this year may have noticed on integral difference: female students.

Though SSC has facilitated a few mildly coed classes for over a decade, OLA's presence on campus has been much greater this year. While SSC students have, for the most part, viewed this as a blessing some members of the administration are still skeptical. These teachers fear that SSC students will become distracted or that they will exhibit inappropriate conduct. But it seems that these fears are unfounded. In fact, quite a few students actually have higher grades in their coed classes.

If anything, this changes makes the school day go by faster. Coed classes should be here to stay.

SSC Seniors given honors

News

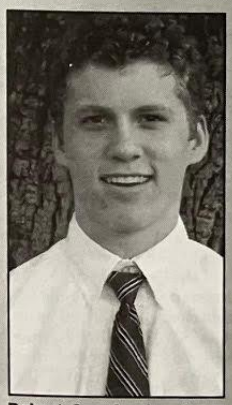
Mr. President SSC Youth Leg.

Stanislaus Welcomes 12 New Faculty Members

St. Stanislaus has added twelve new faculty members to its staff for this 20032004 school year. They are Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Br. Carl Bouchereau, Mr. J.P. Brunke, Mr. Jimmy Carrera, Mr. Vince Casper, Mrs. Judy Gibbons, Br. Virgil Harris, Mr. Erich Hoffer, Mrs. Lisa Kendrick, Mr. Patrick McGrath, Mr. Stace McRaney, and Mrs. Anna Marie Roller. Armstrong is from Valparaiso, Indiana, and is entering her second year of teaching. She teaches biology and anatomy and physiology, and she moderates Youth Legislature. Br. Carl is from Donaldsonville, LA. He came to SSC from Brother Martin High School in New Orleans. He has 34 years experience in teaching and guidance work, and comes here to work in the guidance office. Brunke is a volunteer who has come to spend the year here at SSC. He teaches religion and works with 7th grade basketball. Carrera is from California and is in his first year of teaching. He teaches religion classes here at SSC, and he is also one of the assistant soccer coaches. Casper is another volunteer through the Brothers and the New Orleans Volunteer Service Community. He teaches religion and works with soccer. Gibbons is originally from Philadelphia, P.A. She is entering her twelfth year as a teacher, and she teaches 10 and 11th grade English. Br. Virgil is from New Orleans, LA. He has taught band for 54 years, and he taught last year at Brother Martin. This year, he teaches elementary, concert, and symphonic band at SSC. Hoffer is the third volunteer that will be working at SSC this year. He teaches world history and helps coach football. Kendrick, originally from Virginia Beach, VA, grew up in nearby Hattiesburg, MS. This is her seventh year as a teacher. She teaches 7th and 10th grade English, as well as the Speech class. McGrath is from New York City, NY. This is his first year as an educator, and he teaches English I and French I, II, and III. He is also the head swimming and tennis coach. McRaney is from Waveland, MS. He previously taught here a few years back, and has decided to rejoin the SSC community. He teaches social studies and world history and is the assistant football and baseball coach. Roller is originally from Rhode Island and is entering her third year as a teacher. She teaches biology and seventh grade science and is also a co-moderator of Youth Legislature.

New teachers are Br. Virgil Harris, Mr. Erich Hoffer, Mr. Stace McRaney, Br. Carl Bouchereau, Mrs. Judy Gibbons, Mr. Jimmy Carrera, Mr. Vince Casper, Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Mr. Patrick McGrath, and Mr. J.P. Brunke. Missing is Miss Lisa Kendrick.

SSC makes its presence known



Robert Goggins has been elected to the office of the 2004 Youth Governor.

SSC made its presence felt at the annual YMCA Youth Legislature Convention in Jackson, Mississippi, November 5-8, 2003. "For the first time in the history of our attendance at the convention, SSC was represented by office-holding students," said youth delegate Robert Goggins.

This past year, Spencer Ziegler had served as Lieutenant Governor, Robert Goggins as Speaker of the House, David Bradley as Clerk of the House, Adair Beany as Assistant Senate Floor Leader, and Joe Gibbons as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

This tradition will be continued as Robert Goggins has been elected to the office of 2004 Youth Governor for the 2004 academic year.

Mrs. Laura Armstrong, in her first year at SSC, stepped in to fill the shoes of now Disciplinarian Mr. Paul Verlander in the office of Youth Legislature Moderator. Mrs. Armstrong was responsible for overseeing the practice debates after school and ensuring that the delegates and their proposed bills were in accordance with Parliamentary Procedure.

Mrs. Armstrong was assisted by faculty member Mr. Tom Ackerman and SSC parent Mrs. Anise Beany.

St. Stanislaus seniors Andrew Waterman, left, Chris France and Michael Enloe were honored as National Achievement and National Merit semi-finalists, respectively.

Next issue: TIP Students

Sports

SSC Soccer Team Looks to Repeat As State Champs

The St. Stanislaus soccer team is looking to defend its state title as the 2003-2004 season begins.

The Rocks were recently named preseason #1 in the Clarion-Ledger's MHSAA boy's soccer poll. This comes after the Rock's amazing season last year, in which they went 24-2-1 during the regular season. They then ran the tables in the playoffs, eventually knocking off the defending state champion Pearl Pirates in the state title game.

This year, the Rocks have a total of eighteen lettermen returning from last year's championship team. There are eight seniors on the squad, seven of whom are returning from last year. Therefore, a good amount of players on the team have had some kind of experience playing in big games. Under the leadership of coach Andy Kivlan, the Rocks are looking to enjoy another very successful season.

Junior Eric Cranford works on his kicking form during an early SSC soccer practice.

So far, the soccer Rocks are off to a great start. After a 1-1 tie with Biloxi to open the season, the Rocks have rolled off two big wins. On November 21st, the Rocks shut out Gulfport 4-0. Austin Ladner, Andrew Smith-Parker, Jake Johnson, and Patrick Donohoe all scored goals. Michael Kivlan, Josh Lingsch, and Eric Cranford each had an assist.

Then, on November 25th, SSC rocked Harrison Central 6-0. Andrew Smith-Parker scored two goals, while Johnson, Lingsch, Beau Brodtmann, and Austin Boudreaux each added one. Brodtmann also had two assists, while Johnson and Donohoe each tallied one.

The junior high and JV soccer teams are also having good seasons this year. The JV soccer team is currently 1-1. They began the season with a 2-0 loss to Mercy Cross, but bounced back nicely to defeat Harrison Central 4-0. The junior high soccer team has dominated so far with a perfect 4-0 record. They have outscored their opponents 13-1, and they most recently defeated St. Paul 4-0 on November 24th.

Football Rocks Enjoy Solid Season

The SSC football team ended a successful 2003 season on Nov. 7, with their second consecutive trip to the state playoffs.

That night was a very special night because it was SSC's first home playoff game ever. Even though it ended in a loss, it set a high standard for next year's team.

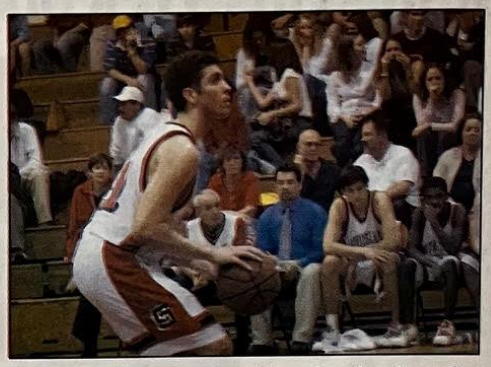
The 2003 season was a tough year for the Rocks because they had a lot of close losses as well as some close wins. In the first game of the year, SSC dominated St. John 36-6. The Rocks then lost the next three games to Oak Grove (30-0), Ocean Springs (30-6), and Long Beach (17-15). The Long Beach game was a deflating defeat because it was such a close game. Long Beach kicked a field goal with nine seconds left in the game to give them the victory.

At that point, The Rocks had to win the next game, or their season was done. The seniors stepped up, and the team rallied to bring their record to 4-3 on the year. Then the Rocks lost to Pass High 16-10, in a game in which neither team really took charge.

The Rocks' next game included a shot at the division title, but they had to get through Gautier. Everyone on both teams fought hard, but in the end Gautier came out on top. They blocked Michael Kivlan's extra point in overtime to win the game.

After that, SSC traveled to play 0-9 D'Iberville. It wasn't a game; it was a massacre. The Rocks won 38-7, which allowed SSC to host its first ever home playoff game. The 2003 season ended with a tough 38-16 loss to the Quitman Panthers.

The Football Rocks ended the season with a 5-6 record. This season may have been inconsistent for them, but they were definitely a more sound team. The seniors really stepped up this year, and they helped to hold this team together. Overall, it was a fairly solid season for our football team.



Senior Mario Faranda gets set to make a free throw during SSC's 56-49 win over Moss Point.

B-ball Rocks Aim For Another Great Season

The SSC basketball team is looking to make a bold statement as the 2003-2004 season gets underway.

After losing some key seniors from last year's squad, the Rocks are out to prove many of their critics wrong. SSC has made it to the final four in the state basketball tournament in each of the past two seasons. This year's squad is looking to step it up and make it three straight years. In order to do this, SSC will have to overcome a few early-season injuries to some key players, including senior Mario Faranda and junior Cameron Hardin.

So far, the team is off to a pretty good start. They began the season by winning the St. Joseph's Tip-Off Classic in Greenville, MS. The Rocks dominated their opponents, defeating Leland 67-47, and St. Joseph 67-26.

The Rocks won their next two games over Moss Point (56-49) and St. John (91-52). SSC then came home to play top-ranked Gulfport. In a very hard fought game, Gulfport defeated SSC 58-48 after a late second-half comeback.

After this tough loss, SSC traveled to Covington, LA, for the St. Paul Thanksgiving Tournament. In the first game, the Rocks lost a heartbreaker on a last second shot to Mandeville, 57-56.

The team then stepped up, and defeated Holy Cross (61-52) and Catholic High (51-41) to clinch third place in the tourney. Senior Darius Acker was named to the All-Tournament Team.

On December 2nd, the Rocks were able to defeat the St. John Eagles for the second time this season, despite some key injuries. The final score was 85-37. In the game, Darius Acker racked up 20 points. Senior Rob Murray scored 13 points, and junior Ramsey Shawa added 10 points for the 7-2 Rocks.